

HISTORIC COLUMBIA RIVER HIGHWAY  
Troutdale vicinity  
Multnomah County  
Oregon

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Location: Beginning in Troutdale, Multnomah County, Oregon, travelling east through Hood River County, and ending in The Dalles, Wasco County, Oregon.

Date of  
Construction: 1913-1922

Locating  
Engineer: Samuel C. Lancaster

Owner: Oregon Department of Transportation

Present Use: Vehicular and pedestrian traffic

Significance: The Historic Columbia River Highway is one of the oldest scenic highways in the United States. It was an early twentieth-century technical and civic achievement, successfully mixing sensitivity to a magnificent natural landscape with ambitious engineering. The route has gained national significance because it represents one of the earliest applications of cliff-face road building as applied to modern highway construction. Much of the original highway remains as a scenic route for less hurried travelers who look forward to experiencing the many natural wonders of the Columbia River Gorge.

Historian: Robert W. Hadlow, Ph.D.

## PROJECT INFORMATION

This recording project is part of the Historic American Engineering Record (HAER), a long-range program to document historically significant engineering and industrial works in the United States. The HAER program is administered by the Historic American Buildings Survey/Historic American Engineering Record (HABS/HAER) Division of the National Park Service, U.S. Department of the Interior. The Historic Columbia River Highway Recording Project was cosponsored in 1995 by HABS/HAER, under the general direction of Robert J. Kapsch, Ph.D., Chief, and by the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT), Bruce Warner, Region One Manager; in cooperation with the US/International Committee on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS), the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE), and the Historic Columbia River Highway Advisory Committee.

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- OR-36-A HISTORIC COLUMBIA RIVER HIGHWAY, SANDY RIVER BRIDGE AT TROUTDALE
- OR-36-B HISTORIC COLUMBIA RIVER HIGHWAY, SANDY RIVER BRIDGE (Stark St. Bridge)
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OR-36-T HISTORIC COLUMBIA RIVER HIGHWAY, MOSIER TWIN TUNNELS  
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